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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09 849,529

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Applicants: Karen L. FINCHER *et al.*

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Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO):

1. Appointment of Associate Attorneys;
2. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (in duplicate);
3. Notice of Appeal from the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (in duplicate); and
4. Return postcard.

Applicants request that the following fees be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter no. 16517.247:

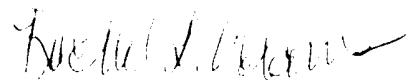
\$110.00	One-Month Extension of Time; and
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In the event that extensions of time other than those provided for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are required in the present application, including any additional fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16517.247. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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